Utah Department of Public Safety Highway Safety Office Distracted Driving Overtime Enforcement Guidelines

This document provides guidance to law enforcement on working distracted driving enforcement shifts offered by the Utah Highway Safety Office.

Please refer to guidelines before working enforcement shifts.

Guidelines:

- Overtime Shifts are 5-hour shifts and must be worked during the planned enforcement dates.
- **Time of Day:** Use discretion on time of day and location to ensure an adequate number of contacts. (2 per hour) Generally, shifts should be worked during periods when the most distracted driving accidents and fatalities occur, between 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
- **Educating the Public:** The purpose of these shifts is to educate the public of the dangers of distracted driving. If available, distracted driving educational cards will be given to the public during the traffic stop. If not available, officers will inform the public on stats or any pertinent information verbally.

Reporting:

- **Stats** must be filled out for each officer working a shift; if there are less than 2 contacts per hour, an explanation will be given in the comments section.
- **All Activity Reports** should be submitted to the UHSO within 30 days of enforcement period.
- Overtime stat forms must be kept for 4 years per federal rules. It is recommended that they are stored electronically in Gears as this would allow easy access during audits or monitoring. Agencies may scan and upload them into the Activity Reports as the shifts are worked.
- When completing the enforcement overtime report, ensure the employee Time Start and Time End match the number of hours being claimed.